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Rep. Frey Receives Award for Supporting Initiatives to Curb Underage Drinking



HARTFORD - On Tuesday, October 25, State Rep. John H. Frey, R-Ridgefield, was honored by the Connecticut Coalition to Stop Underage Drinking (CCSUD) for his longstanding support of initiatives to reduce underage drinking. CCSUD bestowed its 'Outstanding Legislator Award' during a ceremony in Hartford.

Since 1997, CCSUD has worked to change a wide range of social factors that contribute to underage drinking. The Coalition comprises more than 700 public agencies, private sector organizations and concerned citizens, and is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Office of Policy and Management through grants to The Governor's Prevention Partnership, which serves as the host organization for the Coalition. Connecticut is one of 12 states nationally to receive this grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Rep. Frey has supported legislation to deter underage drinking throughout his tenure in the Legislature. Most recently, during the 2005 legislative session, he supported Public Act 05-215, which doubles license suspension penalties of driving under the influence offenses if the driver is under age 21.

John Daviau, Program Director with CCSUD, also noted Rep. Frey's strong support of its efforts to curb underage drinking house parties. Such house parties often spiral out of control, and have resulted in emergency room visits and the death of our youths. During the 2005 legislative session, Rep. Frey also co-sponsored legislation that would have made these dangerous underage alcohol parties illegal in Connecticut. "We commend John Frey for taking a stand to improve the health and safety of minors in Connecticut," said Daviau.

"I'm honored to receive this award," said Rep. Frey, who serves as an Assistant Minority Leader. "The coalition has spearheaded a number of worthy initiatives on this issue and I look forward to working with its members in the future."